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I SAID AND STILL SAY - ALL HOMEWORK MUST BE DONE BEFORE TELEVISION

# "A" Bang Harbour

Washington, June 9. The atomic energy commission disclosed today it is studying the possibility of excavating harbours by nuclear explosions and expects to try it out in Alaska in 1960.

Retiring AEC chairman Lewis L. Strauss said the AEC is investigating the practicability of excavating a harbour in north-west Alaska, between Cape Segond and Cape Thompson, north of the Arctic Circle.

Absence of harbours on the northwest coast of Alaska close to important large-scale mineral deposits has hampered development of such deposits in the past, Strauss said. He added that fishing in this area had been impeded by lack of a safe haven.

U.S. survey parties, including personnel from the University of California radiation laboratory, will visit Alaska this summer.

Algerian Nationalists

## PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

By Norman J. Montellier

United Nations, June 9. Algerian Nationalists, will create a provisional government and boycott any French-called elections in the war-torn north African state, a rebel spokesman said today.

Mohamed Yazid, United Nations representative for the Algerian front of National Liberation (FLN) which runs the war for independence, rejected Mosley's participation in Gen. Charles de Gaulle's plan to integrate Algeria with France and grant Algerians "full equality" as Frenchmen.

"We Algerians did not start an armed revolution to get just a pay raise but to get independence," Yazid said in an exclusive interview. —U.P.I.

Send The Russian Ambassador Home  
Congressman Urges

Washington, June 9. Michael A. Feighan (Democratic representative for Ohio) urged President Eisenhower today to expel the Russian Ambassador Mikhail A. Menshikov.

Russian Ambassador Menshikov is doing damage on the American scene 10 times more terrible than that of an ordinary espionage agent.

The Congressman voiced his request in a prepared house speech. It followed action of the State Department in ordering expulsion of Nikolai Kurochkin, Third Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, on the grounds that he tried to buy "classified" military publications. —U.P.I.

## U.S. Navy Economics

Washington, June 9. The United States Navy today announced it would not proceed with the planned construction of six new warships and the modernisation of three others, which would mean a saving of nearly 500 million dollars.

The Secretary of the Navy, Thomas Gates, said the vessels had been eliminated from the building programme to make up for rising costs of labour and materials. —China Mail Special.

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The aborted mothers were returned, after paying £105 sterling for the operation, but many of them became seriously ill because no proper precautions against infection were taken.

It was stated that there was one abortion to every four live births in Britain at the present moment.

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## HERE'S A SPORTS SCOOP from MOSCOW

REPORT from J. L. MANNING  
PICTURES BY JULIE HAMILTON

SQUADS OF SEVEN-YEAR-OLDS ARE  
DRILLING DAILY TO WIN LAWN TENNIS  
GLORIES FOR MARXIST MASS SPORT

# Russia's great Wimbledon plot...

LONG LIVE OUR BELOVED  
PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT!

—Slogan above Russian tennis pavilion... see below.

If workmen from the Lawn Tennis Association arrived at your club this morning and fixed this placard, in foot-high letters, over the pavilion door: LONG LIVE OUR BELOVED PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT! you would think it to be the end of your little world of fun and game.

Andrey Potanin, aged 17, is a Wimbledon junior "possible." He is a student at the University of Leningrad, where his parents teach physical education. He is Russia's No. 2 player and a Master of Sport.

For Russia, where I have seen such slogans, it is the beginning. And I also choose it as the beginning of a report from Moscow which is much more than a sports story. I wish it were not so sinister.

In the past two weeks I have tried to solve the problem why the Russians, of whom not more than one in 2,000 has ever heard of lawn tennis, are being subjected to a mass conditioning for the game;

Why thousands of children from the age of seven are being recruited and drilled with tennis rackets all over the vast regions stretching from the Baltic to Central Asia;

And why, in September, new schools at Leningrad and Moscow will enrol specially chosen healthy toddlers for athletic and tennis training for four hours a day.

The answer is the real story behind the arrival in London at the end of the week of Russian teenagers to play in our tournaments for the first time.

Innocently they will be taking the first step in a cultural cold war. The object is the subtle task of capturing Wimbledon as propaganda for the Marxist mass sport movement.

Propaganda, because the Soviet Council of Ministers has given its political authority to the All Union Committee of Sport and Physical Culture to undertake this task and to prepare urgently for it.

Subtly, because the Russians see Wimbledon as a cute bit of bourgeois pageantry which the Soviet Union could exploit in the eyes of the world's impressionable and sports-minded youth.

Subtly, too, because the Russians have decided to strike at a time when an increasing number of the world's best tennis players are turning professional. They don't need their cosmic scientists to tell them how to catch a falling star and put it in their pocket.

## COLD WAR ON

So, I repeat: If you sit in the sun at Wimbledon this year you must know that there is a cultural cold war on. It's hot in the roof.

But your first question will be this: Why do I smell a plot merely because the Russians want to play a game of lawn tennis? I will tell you.

## WHY BOTHER?

So, why do the Russians bother to play at all?

The answer is that they are being ordered to play it. From 6, Shatovskiy Street, Moscow, headquarters of the All Union Committee of Sport, which is responsible only to the Council of Ministers, this decree has been issued:

The Soviet people must master lawn tennis!

And I have no doubt they will. After all, supremacy in the Olympic Games was established in 1956 after only their second attempt. Henry, too, has been ensnared successfully.

And if the Derby is still spared a Russian challenge, it is only because their racing is run by the Ministry of Agriculture, which, judging by the food I have had to eat in Moscow, must be very worried about other matters. Or ought to be.

How is this non-tennis nation to do all this? By the devilishly efficient machinery of



Anna's actress mother and composer father are chauffeur-driven

Anna Dimitrieva is Moscow's "Little Mo" and will play as a junior at Wimbledon this year. This 17-year-old schoolgirl is already a Master of Sport and ranked No. 8 among Russian women players. Talking to her here (right) is her mother, Pastukova-Dimitrieva, an actress at the Red Army Theatre.

Anna's step-father is Molchanov, the composer, and the family is of the new "middle-classes" of Russia. They even have a chauffeur-driven 1958 Volga car.

LEFT: Anna, a left-hander, uses a two-fisted backhand. Her grandmother dominates her life and inspires the tennis which her great-uncle, Verbitski, a famous actor of the Mxat Theatre, taught her. Macabre family joke: Uncle Verbitski died two days after Anna first beat him at tennis.

But I write this more in pity than in protest, for we have to live together. When I was warned about all this after my first trip to Russia in 1955, the Lawn Tennis Association circulated to their council members an article I wrote.

I hope I have opened their eyes to what in another ten or 15 years,

Wimbledon can expect from the Communist challenge.

Dobny ran away from it once — but there is no escape now.

Section, freely described to me in their ten-year plan. It is:

1. To build tennis courts at the rate of 500 a year and double the production of equipment at three factories at Tallinn, Leningrad and Moscow.

2. To produce tennis coaches of high educational standards at the rate of 60 a year at special institutes in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Tbilisi, Lvov, and Alma Ata.

3. To organize groups of seven-year-old children for special training, first as track and field athletes, then as tennis players. These, indeed, are the child puppets of Soviet sport.

4. To establish and widen contacts with leading tennis nations and to participate in tournaments.

There is, in this political

development of sport, a world of difference between the Soviet Union and the West.

I admire Russian sportsmen and women. I like many of the officials I have talked with.

And you will take to your heart happy, ribboned-haired 17-year-old schoolgirl Anna Dimitrieva and her companions when they come to Junior Wimbledon and ride around and bustle.

## NO ESCAPE

What I find difficult is to shake hands over the net with the cold, calculating All Union Committee of Sport and Physical Culture.

It is they who have made this plot against Wimbledon and for no reason other than the stepping up of political propaganda.

Time on your hands...



## The skeletons in Lenin's laboratories of sport

THESE two pictures show the thoroughness with which Russia gives her sports stars a scientific education. They were taken at the Moscow Institute of Physical Culture — where the leaders of the Marxist mass sport movement are trained for four years.

TOP: Lenin's portrait is on the chemistry laboratory wall, the political inspiration for students as they experiment.

What, you may well ask, has all this to do with sport? Simple. These youths are training to be Soviet coaches.

RIGHT: Study the faces of these young men. They are being lectured in anatomy, and in their hands is a human skull. That's fine, because these students are members of the Russian national ice-hockey team. It's a tough game for hockey!



## THE GAMBOL



SORRY, MR GAMBOL, BUT  
YOU HAVE NO MONEY IN  
YOUR ACCOUNT!

NO MONEY AT ALL!

NO MR GAMBOL

NO MONEY AT ALL!

# ENGLAND WIN THE FIRST TEST

## Never Extended In Final Stages Of Their 205-Run Victory

London, June 9.

As was expected, England were never extended in the final stages of the Edgbaston Test and when at 1348 GMT, Trevor Bailey rounded off a fine personal display by catching Hayes at wide mid-on, Peter May's team claimed a thoroughly deserved victory over New Zealand by 205 runs.

Whether by accident or design, England delayed the kill just long enough to avoid the necessity of playing an exhibition match.

Apparently the two governing bodies had agreed that at least thirty hours playing time before 1700 GMT exclusive of intervals, must be available, so that the exhibition was missed by a margin of 18 minutes.

Judging by New Zealand's painful displays in both innings, the crowd had endured enough. The touring team might have at least given England a fight if they had tackled the England bowling with more courage.

True, Bailey, Loader and Truman, all obtained considerable swing today but the pitch looked more friendly to batsmen than on any of the first three days. Yet New Zealand could score only 60 runs in just over two and a half hours, while England captured the six outstanding wickets.

### Much To Admire

There was much to admire in the way John Reid and Harford defended resolutely at the beginning of the day, but for all their concentration they needed only four runs in the first half hour.

Harford had just shown the 3,000 crowd the type of aggression that was needed by driving Truman through the open space on the offside when he unfortunately ducked into a bouncer and had to retire injured.

Any slight chance New Zealand had of success disappeared with that incident.

Harford usually shows himself quite adept at dodging bouncers, but this one swung late and as the batsman moved his head the ball struck him on the nose and mouth and he was taken to the pavilion with blood flowing freely.

Already handicapped by the absence of Bert Sutcliffe with a broken bone in his wrist, New Zealand could not afford to be deprived of Harford's services and it was with much relief that he returned to continue his innings on the dismissal of Reid, 20 minutes later.

In the last six years, very few Tests have been played by England without Bailey doing something useful either with a bat or ball. In this match he did not reach double figures as a batsman but in both New Zealand innings he bowled ad-

### Thomas Cup

## INDONESIANS MEET THAIS TONIGHT IN ZONE FINAL

Singapore, June 9. Indonesia and Thailand today announced their teams for the Zone final of the Thomas Cup World Badminton Championships which will start tomorrow.

The winners of the Zone final will play off with the holders of the Cup, Malaya.

The Thai team is: Thanoo Kadiabduai, Charoen Wadhanasir, Pinti Paitpongse, Sunthorn Supaphon, Kamol Sajawant, Prida Wongkraugul.

The Indonesian team is: Ferry Sonnevile, Tan Joe-hock, Eddie Yusoff, Ngoo Kim-bie, Tan King-gwan, Lee Po-djian.

On the first day, tomorrow, Charoen will meet Tan Joe-hock, Thanoo will meet Sonnevile, Sunthorn and Kamol will meet Ngoo Kim-bie and Tan King-gwan, and Charoen and Prida will meet Tan Joe-hock and Lee Po-djian. —Reuter.

On the second day, Charoen will meet Sonnevile, Thanoo will meet Yusoff, Charoen and Prida will meet Ngoo Kim-bie and Tan King-gwan, Sunthorn and Kamol will meet Tan Joe-hock and Lee Po-djian. —Reuter.



## BLACKPOOL TO PLAY COMBINED CHINESE THIS EVENING

Blackpool Football Club's Team Manager, Mr E. Hayward told the China Mail this morning that he was quite confident his team could win their second and final encounter against the Combined Chinese this evening at the Government Stadium.

In the first game against All-Hongkong, which the visitors won 3-1, Mr Hayward said the pitch was ideally suited to his team.

Weather permitting, ground conditions tonight should be a little better for the local team than on Sunday, although they will still favour the Blackpool eleven. One thing, however, is sure, spectators will be treated to another grand display of soccer.

Blackpool will field the same team as that which played on Sunday. The above photo shows the full team and reads from left to right: (back row) Armfield, Fenton, Gratrix, Farm, Kelly, Martin, Hayward (Team Manager); (front row) Starkey, Matthews, Hagan, Charnley, Wright. Reserve will be Snowden.

Hongkong Combined Chinese will be represented by: Lau Kin-chung, Lo Pak, Lau Yee, Chan Fa-hung, Ko Po-keung, Szeto Yiu, Wong Chi-keung, Ho Cheung-yau, Lau Kai-chiu, Yiu Cheuk-ying and Mok Chun-wah.

## England Ruggerite On The Mat

Sydney, June 9. Sydney, June 9. English Rugby League forward, Vince Karalus, one of the four players sent off the field in the tough match against New South Wales on Saturday, will appear before the local Rugby League Judiciary Committee tonight.

The other three sent off were New South Wales players. Two of them, five-eighths Greg Hawke and right-winger Peter Diamond, were last night suspended until June 17, and because of their penalties could

not be considered for Australia's team for next Saturday's first test.

Second row player, Rex Mossop, the other player sent off, was suspended for one match, and has been included in Australia's test team.

### WOULD INSIST

The referee for the test, Darcy Lawler, said today he would warn both teams against dirty play.

Lawler said he would insist that a representative of each

team accompany him to the opposing dressing room.

"Both sides will get identical instructions and I don't want either saying or thinking the opposition was told anything different," said Lawler.

The Frenchmen claimed that in 1955 the referee gave the Australians instructions different to those given them.

"I am going to crack down on rough play on Saturday and players can be assured there will be no leniency shown." —China Mail Special.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



## County Cricket

## SOMERSET SCORE 346 FOR SIX AGAINST SURREY PETER WIGHT KNOCKS UP 175

London, June 9.

West Indian batsman Peter Wight led a brisk reply by Somerset today to Surrey's 347 for eight declared.

Wight hit 175 in five hours ten minutes, with 24 fours, after narrowly escaping being run out in the first over of the day.

The pitch was dry and placid and the Surrey attack, depleted by Test calls, toiled all day while Somerset made 346 for six.

The pace attack of Derek Shackleton and Malcolm Head paved the way for Hampshire's nine-wicket victory over Leicestershire, after they had had to fight to snatch a good start by scoring 91 for two by tea in reply to Glamorgan's first innings 180 for nine declared.

Shackleton took five for 36 in Leicestershire's second innings, including three for no declared.

He took four wickets for eight runs in one spell of four overs, and Heath, with four for 24, had match figures of nine for 67.

### A Collapse

Don Shepherd, the Glamorgan all-rounder, brought about a collapse in the Warwickshire innings after they had made a good start by scoring 91 for two by tea in reply to Glamorgan's first innings 180 for nine declared.

At Swanscombe, Glamorgan 150 for nine declared, (B. Hedges 51), Warwickshire 159 (F. Gardner 41, J. Shepherd six for 27).

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire 100 (R. Simpson 72), Worcestershire 119 for seven.

At Taunton: Surrey 347 for eight declared (A. McIntyre 82 not out), Somerset 340 for six (P. Wight 175, J. Lomax 49).

### Results

At Cowes: Hampshire beat Leicestershire by nine wickets. Leicestershire 133, and 84 (D. Shackleton five for 36); Hampshire 164 (J. Goodwin five for 57) and 84 for one (R. Gribble 48 not out). Hampshire 14 points.

HARRY ODELL SAYS

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Ruth Kirby (S. C. M. Post). "A FEAST OF FUN".

K. C. Harvey (Standard). "SHE'S OUT OF THIS WORLD".

D. E. Gray (China Mail) "SHE WAS AN ABSOLUTE RIOT".

## US Baseball

New York, June 9.

Bob Purkey pitched the Cincinnati Redlegs into third place in the National League today when he blanked the first-place San Francisco Giants 3-0, with a six-hitter.

### THE SCORES

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## TRANSPORTATION

### BIG INCREASE IN WORLD'S TRAMP STEAMERS

WHILE more of the world's shipping, particularly tramp vessels, is being laid up because of the depression in the freight market, the tramp fleet has grown enormously in the past year.

Ships of over 4,000 tons now total more than 23,250,000 tons. An extra 3,551,000 tons have been delivered from yards in the last year. This high rate is expected to be maintained through 1958.

An analysis by the West-Information Report, issued by the British firm, Western Information Service, shows that Liberia leads the world with 5,161,000 tons of tramp ships. Britain has 4,066,000 tons, Italy is third with 2,776,000, and Panama fourth with 2,434,000. The other "flags of convenience" countries, Costa Rica and Honduras, have 916,000 and 1,122,000 tons respectively.

#### LARGE ORDERS

Panama, Honduras, Liberia and Costa Rica between them have 34.5 per cent. of the world's tramp ship fleet of more than eight million tons. This is increasing rapidly, as much of the tramp tonnage on order or under construction is for Liberia or Panama and both are buying many second-hand vessels.

Grocks control 36.1 per cent. of the world's tramp fleet, Britain 10 per cent, Scandinavia 9.7, the United States 6.9, Japan 6.3, and the remainder of Europe 23.3. Only seven per cent. of the Greek vessels fly the national flag, the rest being mainly under "flags of convenience," although some are registered in Britain and the United States.

The world tramp fleet is said to be at a critical stage with the situation worsening rapidly. The 4,500,000 tons of shipping laid up in April is expected to increase.

New building outweighs the scrapping of old vessels. The report predicts that owners will be forced to sell more old ships to compete successfully with newer, larger and faster vessels.

#### Shipping Company

#### Takes Over

#### New N.Y. Pier

ON June 4, the Danish shipping company Maersk Line inaugurated its new pier in New York. The pier is the newest, largest and most modern on the New York waterfront and is built by the New York Port Authority at a cost of approximately US\$8,250,000.

The terminal is known as "Pier II Brooklyn" and is located at Atlantic Basin and will offer Maersk Line exporters and importers the quickest, most efficient handling of cargo to and from Far Eastern ports.

The length of the wharf is 2,050 feet with entire pier paralleling shore and four ocean-going vessels may be accommodated at one time. The dimensions of the transit shed are 1,800 x 150 feet thus offering 270,000 sq. feet of covered space all beneath one single roof. Ample uncovered space adjoins.

#### THE STRUCTURE

The structure is a steel frame with corrugated aluminum walls, aluminum roofing and asphaltic concrete flooring. The shed has 20 cargo doors on apron side, 27 on inshore side. The truck loading and unloading platform extends the full length of the building and is 20 feet wide with overhanging roof for all weather protection. 144 trucks with tilgate delivery can be accommodated at one time and waiting time is virtually eliminated.

There are temperature controlled cargo rooms at each end of the shed and special cargo enclosures for valuable cargo. The shed is further equipped with the most modern overhead fire extinguishing equipment.

The inauguration of the Pier was celebrated in New York at a reception attended by some 1,400 friends of the Maersk Line. The founder of the Maersk Line, Mr. A. P. Moller, Copenhagen, who at an age of nearly 82 still actively directs the management of the Concern, represented the Maersk Line at the reception.

#### Slight Increase

#### In Tanker Freights

A SLIGHT increase in demand has led to a rise in tanker freight rates from the Persian Gulf. In view of the huge volume of tanker tonnage laid up throughout the world and the ease with which many ships can re-enter service, this is regarded as no more than a short-term recovery.

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#### ROSE 10 POINTS

Rates from the Persian Gulf to Britain or the Continent of Europe last week rose by about 10 points to satisfy Ministry of Trade's "Scale minus 50-52½ per cent.

In the west, however, rates were unchanged at B.M.T. Scale minus 60 per cent from Britain to the British Government.

The London charterer entered the market last week for a 30,000-45,000-ton vessel for five years' time-charter from 1960. The company has received several offers at rates ranging from 18/6d up to 21/0d per ton.

Three charters are open for 28,000-tonner to May loading in the Persian Gulf, but the ship is there at present. As a result, rates have risen slightly.

#### Profits Drop As More Go By Air

THE unsatisfactory financial position of United States airlines, despite the growth in air traffic, is shown in the annual report issued by the Air Transport Association of America.

Revenue passengers carried by United States scheduled airlines in 1957 totalled 49,339,000, up 19.6 per cent. in 1956, and 27,566,000 in 1955.

The profit margin for domestic trunk airlines was only 1.9 per cent. in 1957, compared with seven per cent. in 1952.

#### RENTLESS

The report explains that "in spite of the relentless upward trend of prices," the airlines had held fares to about the 1938 level for 20 years. Almost every trunk airline has now filed requests for fare increases ranging from 12 to 17 per cent.

Yet the United States Civil Aeronautics Board granted, in early 1958, only a four per cent. increase with a \$1.70 per service charge per ticket. With this increase, it is estimated that the profit margin will be only 2.61 per cent.

#### Two New Superliners

Washington, June 9. THE Senate today passed a bill authorizing the Federal Maritime Board to build two new U.S. superliner passenger ships, worth more than \$200 million.

One of the vessels will be built as a replacement for the U.S. Lines' America for North Atlantic trade and would cost about \$130 million.

The other vessel, to be used in the Pacific as a replacement for American President Lines' President Hoover, has no set cost, but is expected to cost \$80 million or more.—U.P.I.

## Economic Meeting Next Autumn Three Main Topics

From RONALD BOXALL

London, June 9. Three topics will dominate the Commonwealth economic conference at Montreal next autumn and each will provide a severe test of loyalty.

Commonwealth Finance Ministers will decide whether and to what extent they are prepared to accept some form of central discipline over their use of sterling balances.

2. Where to obtain capital for development purposes and whether a new agency is required to channel it into projects that are likely to benefit Commonwealth and the sterling area as a whole.

3. What attitude the Commonwealth should adopt towards the European Common Market.

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#### Not Always

But governments are not always able to do what they know is best. New Zealand's economy may be too precariously dependent on one or two export commodities; Lancashire may be uncompetitive. But these are not the things that politicians care to stress too strongly.

So the new champions of free trade—the new champions of free trade—are compelled to yield to the pressure. Reluctantly they have agreed to restrict butter imports from Europe for New Zealand's sake. And they have asked the Commonwealth to devise voluntary schemes to restrict the exports of cotton goods to Britain. And this, in turn, creates a credit squeeze and high interest rates, the Commonwealth countries have recently found it both difficult and expensive to obtain their capital requirements from London. Hence the recent rapid drawing down of sterling balances.

The third important item on the Ministers' agenda—the effect of European Free Trade on the Commonwealth—will be the subject of a later article.—Ex-Press Service.

## LONDON CLOSES FIRM

London, June 9. The stock market closed firm today with the unsettled labour situation putting a check on investment buying. Gilt-edged securities drifted fractionally lower.

Auto shares featured a firm industrial section: Rolls-Royce advanced 2/-; Store, Brewery and Building 2/-; British Steel 2/-.

These are small matters compared with the issues that will occupy the Finance Ministers at Montreal, but they show that what is right and proper for the Commonwealth as a whole, does not necessarily suit the individual countries with their differing economic set-ups. And this must influence the outcome of the Montreal Conference.

However, there is one thing that all the Commonwealth countries do have in common—the well-being of the pound sterling. It is in the interests of all of them, Canada no less than the rest, that sterling should be strong enough to play its predominant role in world trade. But Britain's position as the sterling area's banker can only be maintained so long as its clients exercise restraint.

#### Need Money

It is easier, however, to observe this principle when world trade is booming, than when it is tending to contract, as it is at the moment. Countries like India with huge development plans need money to finance them. Countries like Australia, whose exports have been hit by the recession, need money to maintain essential imports.

But to obtain this money by indiscriminate drawings on sterling balances held in London would quickly place the pound in jeopardy, especially during a period of declining world trade.

To put it brutally, the pound has insufficient backing for all the tests it is called upon to perform. And that in a nutshell, is the problem more than any other that has recently worried British economists.

The situation may have changed by the time the Commonwealth Ministers meet at Montreal, for Prime Minister Macmillan is seeking American support for his plans to increase the world's reserves, either by revision of the International Monetary Fund or an increase in the price of gold.

In any event, thoughts are now turning to the possibility of setting up agencies to perform similar functions for the Commonwealth, as well as those now performed on a wider international scale by the IMF and the World Bank.

Discussion of this will cover the first two points mentioned above. But both ultimately depend on American support, as

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange yesterday amounted to approximately \$957,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

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## HK Industrialists' Interest In Malaya

**"Keen To Open Factories"**  
Says Commerce Minister  
**MARKET STUDIES BEGIN**

Hongkong and Japanese investors were keen to open factories in Malaya, the Malayan Minister for Commerce and Industry, Mr Tan Siew Sin said yesterday, according to a Router message from Kuala Lumpur. He said "some" were expected to send teams of experts to study conditions in Malaya. He did not specify whether they would be Hongkong or Japanese teams.

### OPIUM CASE CONTINUES

## Further Arguments On Admissibility Of Handwriting Evidence

Mr D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, continued with his legal arguments on the admissibility of evidence on handwriting in the opium conspiracy trial before Victoria District Judge H. H. B. How this morning.

Mohindra Verma, 30, merchant, and Pui Sui-hung, 30, unemployed seaman, are charged with conspiring to deal in opium between October last year and February this year and possessing 1,078.25 pounds of opium on February 22.

Mr Greenfield was replying to submissions by Mr Lo, Q.C., representing Verma, in support of his objection to the evidence of Mr Lo Wai-lim, an employee of Verma, on identification of handwriting alleged to have been that of Verma on certain documents.

#### Submitted

Judge How told Mr Greenfield that he had submitted yesterday that the time for the defence to raise objection was when the evidence was being introduced.

His Honour said he had since referred to his own notes of proceedings, and it appeared that in the middle of the cross-examination of Mr Lo, Mr McNeill had submitted that Mr Lo's evidence was not acceptable for identification purposes, and that it should be struck out.

The Judge said Mr Greenfield maintained that an objection at such a time was premature and that Mr Lo's evidence should not be struck out.

### The Scarlet Pimpernel of the Vatican



He was a Priest. His name: Hugh O'Flaherty. His birthplace: Killarney. Throughout the last two years of the war in Italy he openly defied the Nazis in rescuing from under their noses nearly 5,000 Allied Prisoners.

The Scarlet Pimpernel of the Vatican has been written for the Sunday Post Herald by ERIC WILLIAMS, the man who was himself a Prisoner of War and who wrote the "Wooden Horse." Slowly, from many sources, says Williams, "I have learned Monsignor O'Flaherty's whole fascinating story. It is one of the most exciting hidden chapters of the Second World War."

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### SOUTH CHINA POST-HERALD

Printed and published by P. P. Plummer for and on behalf of South China Morning Post Limited at 1-3 Wyndham Street, City of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong.

One well-known Hongkong manufacturer, who wished to remain unnamed, said he believed a number of Hongkong manufacturers had sent people to Malaya to study the markets.

Hongkong industries wished to expand, he said, and if the opportunity arose, he thought that Hongkong manufacturers would take it.

#### Difficult

But another prominent Hongkong industrialist told the China Mail this morning that labour conditions in Malaya would make things difficult for Hongkong industrialists if they wished to invest in factories there.

He said many capitalists were afraid to put large amounts of capital into schemes there because of labour unrest and the possibility of strikes.

The industrialist who asked to remain anonymous, said there was nothing definite at present, but there was a possibility of Hongkong factories opening in Malaya.

He said the Malayan Government will be introducing a bill in August to encourage pioneer industries to Malaya, but whether there will be any movement in Hongkong towards investment in that country depended on the terms of this bill.

He believed that if Hongkong manufacturers did decide to take the chance in Malaya, it would be individually and not collectively.

#### Premature

When he ruled the objection was premature, the Judge added, he had it in mind at the time that the Prosecution had not yet had an opportunity of re-examining the witness.

The Judge asked Mr Greenfield if he was still pursuing his line of argument.

Mr Greenfield indicated that in view of the authorities he had since quoted, and in the circumstances, he would leave the matter entirely in the Court's hands.

Continuing with his arguments, Mr Greenfield said he was asking the Court to look at the documents which Mr Lo had referred to.

If there was any evidence that Verma had acted in relation to the subject matter of those documents, Crown Counsel said, that would support the inference that the documents had been in his possession, and this would help to corroborate Mr Lo's evidence.

Hearing is continuing.

### MAN DIES AFTER FALL FROM CITY BUILDING

A 34-year-old floral decorator who was removing decorations from the first floor of the China Emporium, Queen's Road Central this morning, died in hospital of injuries received when he fell to the street below.

The accident occurred at about 8 a.m., and he succumbed to his injuries about an hour later in Queen Mary Hospital. His name was Wang Ping, and he lived at 11, Possession Street, Hongkong.

### Four Men Discharged

Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning discharged four young men, charged with demanding money with menaces, when the Prosecution offered no evidence against them.

The defendants were Lam Wah, 21, of 234 Hollywood Road, second floor; Chiu Hin-ching, 22, of 3 Redanxels Terrace, first floor; Leung Kwong, 23, or 3 Hyatt Road, and Ngai Pak-wai, 27, of 60 Morrison Road, second floor.

The charge alleged that the defendants demanded \$300 from Emily Lee Evans with menaces and with intent to steal money on May 20.

### WOMAN IN BLACK'S EARLY MORNING VISIT TO JUNK

A 37-year-old woman charged with possession of dangerous drugs aboard a junk told Judge K. R. Macfee in the District Court of a visit to her aunt's junk early in the morning by a woman in black.

She went on to say that the woman, aged about 40, talked in low voice to her aunt who was owner of the junk. But she could not hear what they said.

Later her aunt and the woman in black went to the upper deck of the junk and her aunt returned with a basket in her hand.

The woman charged with possession of drugs is Chan Yeo. Employed As Cook

#### Employed As Cook

She said she was employed by her aunt as a cook and that she had been working aboard the junk only for five days.

It was stated that 30 packets of heroin were discovered by a police party when they raided the junk at Aberdeen on April 24. They weighed 11.0 pounds.

Chief Inspector C. L. Smith, assisted by Inspector J. W. Currie, is prosecuting. Mr J. C. Stewart is appearing for the accused.

Chan said in evidence that she had been living in the Colony for about ten years. She added that her husband died about

### MAN FINED \$300 ON DRUG CHARGE

John Spencer, 27, unemployed, of no fixed abode, was fined \$300 with the alternative of six weeks in prison by Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of possessing dangerous drugs.

He pleaded guilty.

Defendant was found in possession of a quantity of heroin on the staircase in 203, Lockhart Road, on Saturday last.

Spencer claimed that he was an American subject, his father was an American while his mother was Chinese.

He said he was trying to go abroad.

Defendant had four previous convictions. The last offence committed was larceny, obtaining goods by false pretences, and obtaining goods by forged documents, during which he was sentenced to two years hard labour on August 6, 1953.

Macao, June 10.—A 21-guns salute boomed out from ancient Monte Fort this morning on the occasion of Portugal's National Day.

At noon His Excellency the Governor, Commander Pedro Correia da Barros received, at the Praia Grande Palace, on behalf of the President of Portugal, the diplomatic representatives, officials and residents who went there to pay their respects.

Tonight there will be a reception at Government House.

All Government buildings will be illuminated as from sunset.

—France-Press.

### ANNA'S FATHER WAS IN HK

An amusing skit entitled "The Programme Secretary" was given by Miss Anna Russell to the delight of the large gathering of the American Women's Association annual meeting yesterday at the American Club.

Afterwards Miss Russell said that she had always wanted to come to Hongkong.

Her father had been stationed here from 1928 to 1930 when she was in England at school, and she had been a great deal of the Colony in those days.

She added that now she would always want to come back.

Miss Russell is appearing by courtesy of Mr Harry Odell, at the Lake Yew Hall at 8 p.m. tonight.



**STAN MATTHEWS  
KICKS OFF**

## STEEL SCAFFOLDING REPLACING BAMBOO

by a China Mail Reporter

Bamboo scaffolding has been replaced on a number of recent building jobs in Hongkong by steel scaffolding imported from England. According to an architect of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company the steel scaffolding is nearly 15 per cent more expensive per month, but is much more convenient.

Whether or not the steel will replace the older style bamboo depends on the urgency of the job in hand, the architect said.

Normally bamboo is cheaper because the poles are hired out for three months' contracts, whereas the steel scaffolding is hired on a monthly basis.

#### EASIER

Steel is more convenient to work with as sections can be added or detached without too much trouble, and it is much easier for the workmen, he said.

This steel scaffolding which has been used in the Colony over the last two years has been used in the construction of the Tai Lam Chung dam, and also on the new Chartered Bank. It is also being used to clean the Nathan Road side of the Peninsula Hotel.

#### COST DIFFERENCE

Asked if he felt it would gradually replace bamboo altogether, Mr Grant said, "I don't know. Some of the older Chinese construction firms still prefer to use the bamboo. But the bigger, modern companies are beginning to use it."

The cost of labour for the time taken to put up the steel scaffolding in comparison to the bamboo, narrows down the overall cost to about a difference of \$700 to \$800.

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### BUILDING DESTROYED

Toronto, June 9.

An oil furnace explosion turned a four-storey apartment building in suburban north Toronto into a charred mess tonight. Police feared several were killed and a dozen more seriously injured.

The basement explosion ripped out three storeys on one side of the building and left the rest of the structure near collapse. Fear that the rest of the building would crumble hampered attempts to reach victims believed still trapped inside.—U. P. I.

—Big Haul

Cash and jewellery to a value of \$10,000 were stolen from No. 70, Sing Woo Road, ground floor, Happy Valley, between 10 p.m. and midnight last night.

—A.D.C.

—Side Glances By Galbraith



"Oh, it's a pretty small plot all right! But no flowers, just vegetables—the wife figures it'll cut our grocery bills in half!"